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SUBJECT: GOIC POSITION ON ISRAELI UNGA SUSPENSION AT KAMPALA OAU

MEETING

REF: STATE 169463

1. IN COURSE OF GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH FONMIN USHER ON UN ISSUES, I MENTIONED THE JIDDA RESOLUTION CALLING FOR EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UN, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A SIMILAR RESOLUTION BEING OFFERED IN KAMPALA. I SAID USG HAD FOUND JIDDA RESOLUTION DEPLORABLE, AND STRESSED OUR CONCERN WITH SNOWBALL EFFECT SHOULD THIS EXPERIENCE BE REPEATED. DRAWING ON PARA 3 REFTEL, I MENTIONED DISASTROUS EFFECT EXPULSION OF ISRAEL COULD HAVE ON UN ITSELF, AND INEVITABLE REVULSION IN US PUBLIC AND CONGRESS, WHICH ALREADY CRITICAL OF UN.

2. USHER, WHO DEPARTS FOR KAMPALA JULY 26, WAS SYMPATHETIC TO OUR CONCERNS. GOIC HAD BEEN UNHAPPY ABOUT UNGA ACTION AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA LAST YEAR, AND USHER MENTIONED PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY'S CONTINUED EFFORTS TOWARDS DIALOGUE WITH SOUTH AFRICA DESPITE CRITICISM FROM RADICAL OAU MEMBERS. RADICALS, HOWEVER, WERE OUTSPOKEN AND THOSE OPPOSED TO RADICAL POSITIONS TOO OFTEN UNWILLING TO STAND OUT IN CONFIDENTIAL

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OPPOSITION. IVORY COAST WOULD SPEAK UP AND VOTE AGAINST SUCH

A RESOLUTION IN KAMPALA, IF ISSUE WAS RAISED, AND OPPOSE IT
IN UNGA. USHER HOPED THAT NEW UNGA PRESIDENT MIGHT
REVERSE BOUTEFLIKA'S RULING IN 29TH UNGA. GOIC SHARES
US POSITION THAT UNGA NOT ENTITLED UNDER CHARTER TO EXPEL
OR SUSPEND MEMBERS WHO APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP BY SECURITY
COUNCIL.

3. COMMENT: I BELIEVE GOIC WILL OPPOSE RESOLUTIONS TO SUSPEND
ISRAEL FROM UNGA IN KAMPALA AND NEW YORK. IT IS DOUBTFUL,
HOWEVER, WHETHER GOIC PREPARED LOBBY STRONGLY WITH AFRICAN
OR OTHER LDC'S AMONG WHOM IVORY COAST'S THIRD WORLD
CREDENTIALS ARE PROBABLY SUSPECT. ALREADY OUT FRONT ON
SOUTH AFRICA ISSUE, GOIC MAY BE RELUCTANT TO TAKE MAJOR
RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANOTHER HOT POTATO.

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